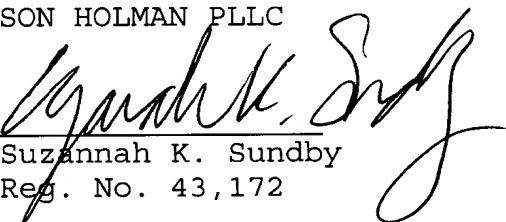


XV.

Accordingly, in view of the foregoing new claims and remarks, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the Restriction Requirement and to find this application to be in allowable condition.

If the Examiner believes that a conference would be of value in expediting the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned to arrange for such a conference.

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